

Appendix L is a comprehensive survey of property transactions from 1891 to 1905 for Wilmington's African Americans with J-Z surnames. The goal was to assess the impact of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot on property ownership. Sue Ann Cody's thesis "After the Storm: Racial Violence in Wilmington, North Carolina and Its Consequences for African Americans, 1898-1905" provided a framework for the study but examined only A-J surnames. Cody generously supplied the compiler with notes from her research which proved to be valuable in helping to assemble the preliminary data. The investigation of the J-Z African American surnames constituted original work by the compiler over the course of fifteen weeks in the spring and summer of 2003.

Cody limited the scope of her investigation to transactions involving the following groups: members of the Committee of Colored Citizens, people with A-J surnames with non-Wilmington residences at the time of their land sale, and banished citizens who sold their properties. For this investigation, deed records for all of the African Americans in Wilmington with J-Z surnames were examined. In order to make the undertaking possible, the decision was made to follow Cody's model and limit the analysis to those whose names first appeared in the New Hanover County grantee index and acquired their land within the seven year period of 1891-1898. The research project started with New Hanover County tax lists from 1897 and 1900 that identified black property owners which Cody assembled and supplied to the compiler.¹

This analysis of the grantee index produced 265 entries. The individual with the most listings was Thomas C. Miller (ca. 1848-1903) with 126 or roughly half of the deed

¹ Sue Ann Cody, "After the Storm: Racial Violence in Wilmington, North Carolina and Its Consequences for African Americans, 1898-1905" (master's thesis, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2000), 120 and 122-123; Index to Real Estate Conveyances, Grantee, 1729-1954 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Tax Lists, 1897 and 1900 (microfilm), New Hanover County Tax Records, N.C. State Archives, Raleigh.